

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, band, and harass during surveys) the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker, *Picoides borealis*, throughout the species range in South Carolina, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

**Applicant:** Stephen Hoffman, Hawkwatch International, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah, TE002404-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, band, and collect feathers) the endangered peregrine falcon, *Falco peregrinus*, throughout the species range in the Florida Keys, Monroe County, Florida, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

**Applicant:** Andrea Christman, Withlacoochee Forestry Center, Brooksville, Florida, TE002507-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (harass during installation of artificial cavities) the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker, *Picoides borealis*, throughout the species range in Florida, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

Dated: September 3, 1998.

**Sam D. Hamilton,**

*Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications.

The following applicants have applied for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

PRT-697830

**Applicant:** Assistant Regional Director for Ecological Services, Region 3, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota; William F. Hartwig, Regional Director.

The applicant requests an amendment to his permit for take activities of listed species in Region 3 to add the Illinois cave amphipod (*Gammarus acherondytes*), a recently listed species, for scientific purposes and the enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild, in accordance with listing, recovery outlines, recovery

plans, and/or other Service work for the species.

PRT-838055

**Applicant:** Ecological Specialists, St. Peters, Missouri; Heidi L. Dunn, President.

The applicant requests an amendment to her permit for take (capture and release; collect dead specimens) activities of listed freshwater mussels to add to the scope of permitted activities the states of Illinois, Missouri, Ohio, and West Virginia and the following species: fat pocketbook [*Potamilus (=Proptera) capax*], orange-foot pimple back pearlymussel (*Plethobasus cooperianus*), and pink mucket pearlymussel [*Lampsilis abrupta (=orbiculata)*]. Take activities are currently authorized in Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin for Higgins' eye pearlymussel (*Lampsilis higginsii*) and winged mapleleaf mussel (*Quadrula fragosa*) for biological survey purposes. On September 2, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** seeking comments on an amendment request to add authorization for take activities in the state of Indiana for clubshell (*Pleurobema clava*), fanshell [*Cyprogenia stegaria (=irrorata)*], and northern riffleshell (*Epioblasma torulosa rangiana*). Activities are proposed to document presence or absence of the species for the purpose of survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

**Applicant:** Voyageurs National Park, International Falls, Minnesota; Barbara West, Superintendent.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, radio-collar, and release) gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) in Voyageurs National Park, Minnesota. Activities are proposed for scientific research aimed at survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Program, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Program, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056. Telephone: (612/713-5332); FAX: (612/713-5292).

Dated: September 11, 1998.

**Matthias A. Kerschbaum,**

*Acting Program Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Availability of a Technical/ Agency Draft Recovery Plan for *Juglans Jamaicensis* (West Indian Walnut or Nogal) for Review and Comment

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of a draft recovery plan for *Juglans jamaicensis* (West Indian walnut or nogal). In Puerto Rico this large tree is known from only 14 individuals at one locality near Adjuntas. The species is threatened by land-clearing for agriculture and rural development. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft plan.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before November 20, 1998 to receive consideration by the Service.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the recovery plan may obtain a copy by contacting the Field Supervisor, Boquerón Field Office, P.O. Box 491, Boquerón, Puerto Rico 00622 (Telephone 787/851-7297). Comments and materials are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above-mentioned address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Susan R. Silander at the address and telephone shown above.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for the